

REMARKS


The Examiner in the Official Action objected to the title as being misdiscriptive. By this amendment a new title has been provided which applicant respectfully submits is in line with the claims as currently set forth.

The Examiner also objected to the claims under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph for the reasons set forth in paragraph 6. By this amendment, applicant has amended the claims. The Examiner has indicated that claims 15 and 26 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In this regard, independent claims 12 and 23 have been amended accordingly to include the appropriate claims. In particular, claim 12 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 13 and 15 and claim 23 has been amended to include the limitations previously set forth in claims 24 and 26. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 12-33 are in condition for allowance.

Applicants have also provided a new independent claim 34 which is similar to claim 30 and is distinguished over prior art in that there is provided a limited edition stamp having a first indicia which comprises a unique ID. None of the prior art references teach or suggest the providing of a unique ID with the limited edition stamp.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in the present form are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Version With Markings to Show Changes Made

In the Specification:

The title has been amended as set forth below:

**A LIMITED EDITION STAMP PRODUCT METHOD FOR
PRINTING AND VERIFYING LIMITED ADDITION STAMPS**

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 13, 15, 24 and 26.

Claims 12 and 23 have been amended as set forth below.

12.(Twice Amended) A limited edition stamp comprising:

a first indicia identifying said limited edition ~~stamps~~stamp as being a limited edition, wherein said first indicia comprises a unique ID that identifies said limited indicia stamp as being one out of a predetermined number;

a second indicia which is not visible under normal viewing conditions for confirming that said limited edition stamp is a valid limited edition stamp, said second indicia is not capable of being scanned for reproduction.

23.(Twice Amended) A sheet of limited edition ~~stamps~~stamp, each stamp comprising:

a first indicia identifying said limited edition ~~stamps~~stamp as being a limited edition, wherein said first indicia comprises a unique ID that identifies said limited indicia stamp as being one out of a predetermined number;

a second indicia which is not visible under normal viewing conditions for confirming that said limited edition stamp is a valid limited edition stamp, said second indicia is not capable of being scanned for reproduction.

Claim 34 is new.

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